

FINGER RING

Unique ID: WMID-C16231

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete gold inscribed finger ring, of probable 16th to 17th Century AD dating.

The finger ring was originally found flattened but has been restored by the finder to a circular shape. The exterior of the finger ring has a ridge top and bottom with an inscription between the two ridges. The inscription reads: +DAME IOHNE MYLBORNE, presumily originally belonging to the wife of John Mylborne.

The finger ring has a width of 7.0 mm and the hoop is 1.5 mm thick. The restored diameter is 22.8 mm (externally), 19.8 mm (internally). It weighs 6.7 g.

The style of the finger ring is consistent with that of the mid 16th to 17th centuries, and although it has not been submitted to XRF analysis, it is likely to be substantially precious (gold), i.e. in excess of 10% and being older than 300 years, it falls within the requirements of the Treasure Act 1996.

Thanks are given to Mark Emanuel, who is reseraching Serjeants at law rings. He suggests this ring is not a Serjeant at law ring and instead a personalised memorial ring. Dating to somewhere between mid 16th and mid 17th century - for comparable rings see: British Museum AF1747 (1577) V&A M53-1960 (1577) V&A 388-1864 (1669)

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: County / local importance

Inscription: +DAME IOHNE MYLBORNE

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder after being disclaimed as Treasure

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2018T103

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL

Period from: POST MEDIEVAL

Period to: POST MEDIEVAL

Date from: Circa AD 1550

Date to: Circa AD 1650

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Width: 7 mm
Thickness: 1.5 mm
Weight: 6.7 g
Diameter: 22.8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 1st November 2017 - Thursday 30th November 2017

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2018T103

Materials and construction

Primary material: Gold
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [Solihull](#) (Metropolitan District)
District: [Solihull](#) (Metropolitan District)
To be known as: Elmdon

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Gardening
Discovery circumstances: Found whilst digging up some conifers
General landuse: Other
Specific landuse: Garden